



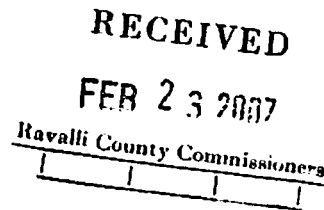
**Montana Department of Transportation**

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Helena MT 59620-1001

Jim Lynch, Director  
Brian Schweitzer, Governor

February 21, 2007

County Commissioners  
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Hamilton, MT 59840-2853



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Dept

Subject: Secondary Roads Program

Dear Commissioners:

A slide has occurred on S-473, West Fork Road in Ravalli County between Reference Post 0.25 to 0.5 just north of Conner. This segment of roadway is a state secondary and is county maintained.

The slide has two contributing factors. The first is that during the last spring runoff, the river eroded the bank and began to undercut the riverbank supporting the roadway. The second factor is there is a spring on the hillside above the roadway which is saturating the roadbed making it soft and thus is also contributing to the slide.

MDT has done some preliminary work to determine an estimate and possible repairs for the roadway. The repair will consist of removing the saturated and slide material, using geotextile and drainage when reconstructing the roadbed and placing riprap along the river to prevent future erosion of the bank supporting the roadway. The roadway will be paved to the same width as the adjacent undamaged sections.

The estimated cost of the repair;  
\$100,000 Preliminary Engineering  
\$50,000 Right of Way and Utilities  
\$100,000 Construction Engineering  
\$800,000 Construction  
\$110,000 ICAP  
\$1,160,000 Total

Ravalli County and MDT will pursue a PLHD earmark for \$1,500,000 for the project costs through Montana's Congressional Delegation. If the PLHD earmark is approved, the funds will be obligated to the project and the Secondary funds will be removed from this project and put on another project in the district. If you approve Secondary Funds for this project it should not affect any other Missoula District project until 2011 (Florence - East project).

A Conference Call has been scheduled for March 5, 2007 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The purpose of the conference call is to provide the Counties an opportunity to ask questions about this request or questions about the West Fork project. Here is the information for the conference call. Please call 444-2586 if you have any technical problems with the conference call.

Conference Call Information:

Date: March 5, 2007

Start Time: 10:30 AM MST

Duration: 2:00 hours

Primary Dial in Number: 444-7962 or 1-877-247-8426 (long distance)

Secondary Dial in Number: 444-7984 or 1-877-239-9683 (long distance)

Conference Password: 3635

Enclosed is a ballot for including the West Fork Slide Project to the Secondary Roads Program. Please return your ballot to me at the following address or you may fax it to me at 444-7176 by March 15, 2007.

Montana Department of Transportation  
Wayne Noem Secondary Roads Engineer  
2701 Prospect Avenue  
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Helena MT 59620-1001

Your timely attention to this matter will be appreciated. If you have any questions please call me at 444-6109.



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Secondary Roads Engineer  
(406) 444-6109

copies: Jim Lynch, Director

Jim Currie, Deputy Director

William T. Kennedy, Chairman, Transportation Commission

Kevin Howlett, Transportation Commission

Sandra S. Straehl, Administrator, Rail, Transit and Planning Division

Dwane Kailey, P.E., District Administrator, Missoula District

Shane C. Stack, P.E., District Engineering Services Supervisor, Missoula District

Secondary File

**Missoula Secondary Roads Program**

**2007 Secondary Program Vote**

Proposal to add West Fork Road Slide Project to the Secondary Roads Capital Construction Program. The priority of this project will be the next project constructed upon completion of preliminary engineering. Ravalli County will/will not be required to delay their next priority on the 2006 Priority List.

	YES	NO	NOT PRESENT
FLATHEAD COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GRANITE COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAKE COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LINCOLN COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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POWELL COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RAVALLI COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SANDERS COUNTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECONDARY ROADS ENG.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE